

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2016-07:

SUPPORT FOR *LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL!*

WHEREAS, the members of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education stand firmly committed to the school district's 21st Century Community Learning Center's quality afterschool programs because these programs:

- develop skills for academic and personal improvement and success among our youth;
- encourage families to become more effective partners in their children's education;
- provide a safe, friendly learning environment for our students that boosts their academic achievement and interest in lifelong learning;
- support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, community partners, and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people; and

WHEREAS, our 21st Century Community Learning Center programs have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and

WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!*, a national celebration of afterschool programs on October 20, 2016 promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of our children, their families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, *Afterschool Matters to Me*, is the Alaska Afterschool Network's theme for this event, which encourages all Alaskans to share in their own voice the importance of Afterschool programs in their life; and

WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education enthusiastically supports *Lights On Afterschool!* and commits to support innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and doors stay open for all children after school;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 20, 2016, as *Lights On Afterschool! Day* in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and calls on the leaders of the school district and the Fairbanks North Star Borough to assure awareness of the need for every child to have access to a safe, friendly place where the lights are on afterschool and to support after school programs.

Passed and Approved: October 4, 2016



Heidi Haas, President
Board of Education

ATTEST:



Sharon Tuttle,
Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

